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**NEWINGTON MAN SENTENCED TO TWENTY YEARS IN FEDERAL  
PRISON FOR DEATH IN HEROIN CONSPIRACY**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** - Brian Mahoney of Newington, New Hampshire, was sentenced yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire to 20 years in federal prison for his complicity in a conspiracy to distribute heroin which resulted in the death of Donald McGrath on May 3, 2004.

Mahoney, pleaded guilty on July 19, 2005, to conspiracy to distribute in excess of 100 grams of heroin, death resulting. The conspiracy covered a 2 year span from about January 2003 to May 6, 2004, during which Mahoney obtained heroin from Cirilo Jiminez in Rhode Island and distributed it in the New Hampshire seacoast area. The evidence in the case demonstrated that during the period of the conspiracy, Mahoney obtained at least 150 to 300 bags of heroin per week from Jiminez. The heroin was packaged in blue glassine bags with the logo stamp "Storm" imprinted on many of the bags. A second victim, Robin Manteuffel of Portsmouth, died on November 22, 2003, as a result of using the blue "Storm" heroin. Jiminez has also been charged and faces a potential maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a minimum mandatory sentence of 20 years.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono said, "Heroin is a growing problem in our State and in the country. Law enforcement and this office have made it a priority to identify distributors and sources of supply of heroin and to eradicate them at every turn. Heroin is a dangerous substance, as has been proven too many times by the unfortunate deaths of many in our community. The tragic deaths of Donald McGrath on Monday May 3, and Robin Manteuffel on November 22, 2003, are sad but harsh reminders of the evils of heroin. The successful prosecutions to date of Mahoney and his co-conspirators constitute one more positive step toward protecting the citizens of our State from this horrible drug and those who push it."

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono thanked Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, United States Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and Newington Police Chief Jon Tretter for their assistance in this case. He went on to say, "Many law enforcement agencies worked closely together to apprehend the defendants involved in this case. The DEA and Portsmouth Police contributed extraordinary efforts in the case. Also providing critical assistance in the investigation were the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, the Massachusetts State Police, the Kittery, Maine, Police, the Somersworth Police, the Dover Police, the DEA in Providence, Rhode Island, and the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Police.

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